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Dear MRI Service Provider:

**RE: New Reporting Requirements for MRI Service Providers**

Recently the Certificate of Need Commission (CON) approved revisions to the Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Standards. These revisions became effective March 8, 2007.

These revisions require the addition of 3 variables (numbers 1 through 3 below) to the MRI Data System. The "Expected Source of Pay" variable was modified (condensed) to maintain compliance with Medicaid reporting requirements in P.A. 619 of 2002. In addition to the required modifications, it was appropriate to consider other changes that will improve the data system. Most of the changes to the data system are deletions of variables not used in the MRI methodology, making the data set significantly shorter and easier to record.

1. The addition of a definition for "Re-sedation."
2. The addition of a definition for "Special Needs Patient."
3. The addition of a new variable that will identify when a patient receives both a clinical and research scan within a single patient visit.
4. The "Interpreting Physician" data element & corresponding file are being dropped.
5. The "Emergency Status of Scan" is being dropped.
6. The "Was Patient Sedated," along with the new definitions (1 & 2 above) will be re-formatted and required for EACH PATIENT SCAN.
7. The "Referring Doctor Specialty" is being eliminated.
8. The variable "n<sup>th</sup> Scan Normal" is being changed to "n<sup>th</sup> Scan Completed."
9. The "Expected Source of Pay" codes were condensed, but utilize the original codes for the same expected pay source. For example, "Research" is still code 15.
10. The variables for "Technical Charge," "Professional Charge," and "Professional Fee Billed Separately" are being dropped.

All of the data additions are linked to changes in the MRI methodology for computing Adjusted Procedures. All of the supporting documentation for the MRI Data System has been modified to incorporate these changes. In addition, several other changes are being made to make the collection and processing of MRI data more efficient and responsive.

New MRI ID and Unit ID numbers will be assigned by the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June. In ALL cases, the MRI ID will remain the same. In ALL cases, the Unit ID will be the same with a "0" (zero) placed in the 1<sup>st</sup> character position. For example, if the current Unit ID is "C," then the new Unit ID will be "0C."

The current CON Review Standards for MRI Services effective March 8, 2007 include an adjustment factor for “teaching facilities” as defined in Section 2,(1)(ww) of the standards. The definition is included here:

“Teaching facility,” for purposes of these standards, means a licensed hospital site, or other location, that provides either fixed or mobile MRI services and at which residents or fellows of a training program in diagnostic radiology, that is approved by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education or American Osteopathic Association, are assigned.

Most MRI service providers have previously provided this documentation. However, for most MRI service providers that has been many years. Therefore, we are asking ALL MRI service providers to provide us with current documentation. Before the “teaching facility” adjustment factor will be applied to procedures performed at your MRI service (July through September, 2007), you must provide written documentation that demonstrates that your facility satisfies the definition of a “teaching facility” for at least the period July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008. The documentation must be a written certification from one of the appropriate organizations named above covering the stated dates. If the certification is for a lesser time period than stated above, a waiver may be requested from the Department. These will be reviewed and considered on a case-by-case basis. This documentation must be submitted to the Department no later than August, 2007.

Please return any “teaching facility” documentation to:

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